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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN USG OFFICIAL(S) AND
REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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1. SENATOR NINO ANDREATTA HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE WHETHER USG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) WHICH IS IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE PARTY'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO ANDREATTA, THIS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH HE IS A MEMBER, CONSISTS OF ABOUT 8 PEOPLE AND IS HEADED BY VITTORINO COLOMBO (MEMBER OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES). SPECIFICALLY, ANDREATTA ENVISAGES MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE BETWEEN ONE OR MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS(PRESUMABLE INCLUDING HIMSELF) AND ONE OR MORE WASHINGTON-BASED USG OFFICIALS SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE OF ITALY. HE MENTIONED BRUSSELS, PARIS OR WASHINGTON AS A POSSIBLE VENUE.

2. AT THIS POINT, ANDREATTA'S SUGGESTION IS A PERSONAL ONE, ALTHOUGH HE CLAIMS TO HAVE DISCUSSED IT INFORMALLY WITH SOME OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ANDREATTA TOLD EMBASSY JULY 14 THAT HE EXPECTED TO RETURN FOLLOWING DAY WITH SPECIFIC FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM DC.

3. ALTHOUGH SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS AND TOP MINISTERS OF MORO
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GOVERNMENT (MORO, RUMOR AND COLOMBO) SHOULD BE WELL AWARE OF

USG VIEWS ON NEW ITALIAN ECONOMIC PROGRAM, AT LEAST IN GENERAL
TERMS, DC'S EFFORT TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMIC PROGRAM IS TO
LARGE EXTENT PARTY, AS OPPOSED TO GOVERNMENT, OPERATION, AND
PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE DRAFTING HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY
EXPOSED TO USG VIEWS (BEYOND SOME DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY).
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF DOUBTS WE HAVE THAT TREND OF COM-
MITTEE'S THINKING (REFTELS) IS FULLY IN ACCORD WITH OURS, WE
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO TRY TO REVIEW WITH DC
COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC PROGRAM AND RANGE OF
POSSIBILITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
WASHINGTON VIEWS SOONEST PENDING RECEIPT OF FORMAL REQUEST FROM
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